



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 513**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5625

*House of Representatives, April 8, 2015*

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. RITTER of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON THE DEFINITION OF SURGERY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2       to study the definition of surgery. The task force shall examine the  
3       scope of practice for each category of licensed health care professional  
4       pursuant to title 20 of the general statutes and develop a proposed  
5       definition of surgery.

6       (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

7       (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
8       committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
9       relating to public health, or such chairpersons' and ranking members'  
10      designees;

11      (2) Two members appointed by the speaker of the House of  
12      Representatives, one of whom shall be a physician, and one of whom

13 shall be a chiropractor who is a member of the Connecticut  
14 Chiropractic Association;

15 (3) Two members appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
16 Senate, one of whom shall be a physician assistant who is a member of  
17 the Connecticut Academy of Physician Assistants, and one of whom  
18 shall be a dentist;

19 (4) Two members appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
20 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of the  
21 Connecticut Medical Society, and one of whom shall be a  
22 representative of a school of nursing at an institution of higher  
23 education in the state;

24 (5) Two members appointed by the majority leader of the Senate,  
25 one of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Nurse's  
26 Association, and one of whom shall be an electrologist;

27 (6) Two members appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
28 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of the  
29 Connecticut Hospital Association, and one of whom shall be an  
30 optometrist who is a member of the Connecticut Association of  
31 Optometrists;

32 (7) Two members appointed by the minority leader of the Senate,  
33 one of whom shall be an owner of a medical spa or a licensed health  
34 care provider who is employed by, or provides services under a  
35 contract with, a medical spa, and one of whom shall be a physical  
36 therapist;

37 (8) Three members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall  
38 be a representative of a school of medicine at an institution of higher  
39 education in the state, one of whom shall be a representative of the  
40 University of Bridgeport Health Sciences Programs, and one of whom  
41 shall be a podiatrist who is a member of the Connecticut Podiatric  
42 Medical Association; and

43 (9) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's

44 designee.

45 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1)  
 46 to (8), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of  
 47 the General Assembly.

48 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
 49 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
 50 filled by the appointing authority.

51 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
 52 pro tempore of the Senate shall select two chairpersons of the task  
 53 force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons  
 54 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held  
 55 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

56 (f) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a report  
 57 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee  
 58 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
 59 public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
 60 general statutes. The report shall include, but need not be limited to, a  
 61 proposed definition of surgery to be adopted for the purpose of section  
 62 20-9 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date  
 63 that it submits such report or January 1, 2016, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section

**PH**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 16 \$	FY 17 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$1,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 16 to those agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

**The Out Years**

There is no ongoing fiscal impact because the task force terminates in FY 16.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/25/2015)